

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: JULY 5, 2022

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice President Brad Bray, Member Jack Dodd, County Auditor Jessica Secrease, and County Attorney Alan Wilson.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Asher and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and President Paul Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 20, 2022, regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd; Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS & REPORTS:

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Increase in Standard Life Employer Paid Life Insurance:

In the absence of Human Resources Director Debbie Lorenz, President Paul Wyman presented the increase in the life insurance policy for County employees to \$30,000.00. The difference in the monthly premium is \$2,062.17 per month. A motion was made by Commissioner Bray to approve the increase in the life insurance policy for County employees to \$30,000.00. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HOWARD HAVEN:

Approval of New Resident at Howard Haven:

Howard Haven Superintendent Jennifer Brower submitted an application for a new resident to be approved as a private pay. The resident's name is on file in the Auditor's Office. Commissioner Wyman stated that the resident was approved to move in subject to a 90-day probation period. A motion made by Commissioner Dodd to approve the new resident subject to a 90-day probation period. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HOWARD COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Purchase of a Salt Box:

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle stated that the Highway Department would like to purchase a tandem salt box in the amount of \$24,8880.00. A motion made by Commissioner Dodd to approve the purchase of the tandem salt box in the amount \$24,880.000. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ROBERT J. KINSEY YOUTH CENTER:

Purchase of Flag Pole:

Robert J. Kinsey Youth Center Director Jeff Lipinski stated that he would like to purchase a flag pole for the Kinsey Center. He stated that the kids at Kinsey had a competition to design the flag, and now the flag is complete. They need a flag pole to hang it. Mr. Lipinski stated that the Probation Department is willing to pay \$1,830.00 toward the purchase of the flag pole, Kinsey can contribute \$1,020.00, and the Commissioners are willing to pay \$2,600.00. A motion made by Commissioner Dodd to approve the Commissioners to pay \$2,600.00 toward the purchase of a new flag pole for the Kinsey Youth Center. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECONGINITION:

The Commissioners congratulated the following county employees, and Commissioner Dodd read their Employee Service Awards into the record:

Employee	Years of Service
Stephanie Smith	25
Karen Johnson	20
Teresa Hudson	15
Amanda Wolf	15
Kenneth Whisenant	5
DeGloria White	5
Vickie Dunker	5
Lynda Ogle	5
Caleb Schlechty	5
Tammy Mears	5

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on June 17, 2022, in the amount of \$890,954.95 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Payroll Expenses:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on June 17, 2022, in the amount of \$890,954.95 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid July 5, 2022, in the amount of \$878,936.22 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Resolution No. 2022-BCCR-12:

Attorney Alan Wilson presented Resolution No. 2022-BCCR-12 – A Resolution of the Howard County Board of Commissioners Renaming Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center to the Richard H. “Dick” Miller Room. Resolution No. 2022-BCCO-12 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2022- BCCO-30:

Attorney Alan Wilson presented Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-30 – An Ordinance of the Howard County Board of Commissioners to Create a New Grant Fund, Duke Energy Foundation Grant. The grant will be established in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Howard County EMA. Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-30 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2022- BCCO-31:

Attorney Alan Wilson presented Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-31 – An Ordinance of the Howard County Board of Commissioners to create a New Grant Fund, Keaton Acres Drain Escrow Fund. Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-31 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2022-BCCR-14:

Attorney Alan Wilson presented Resolution No. 2022-BCCO-14 – A Resolution of the Howard County Board of Commissioners Recognizing the Need for Continued Protection for Domestic Violence Victims in the Community was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried. President Paul Wyman read into record Resolution No. 2022 BCCR-14: ***Whereas***, domestic violence exacts an unacceptable toll of death, injury, child abuse and economic cost to our community: and ***Whereas***, one in three women will experience domestic violence, one in seven men will experience domestic violence and 57 percent of the population knows a victim of domestic violence: and ***Whereas***, mothers of young children are often victims of domestic violence and research has shown that this can have a long-lasting negative impact on the health and development of their children; ***Now, therefore, be it resolved*** that the Howard County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of Howard County, does hereby recognize and applaud the efforts of our community's courts, law enforcement officers, probation officers, correction officers, educators, healthcare providers and mental health workers to provide efficient and effective safeguards for the victims of domestic violence and encourages continued vigilance against domestic violence in our community.

Resolution No. 2022-BCCR-13:

Attorney Alan Wilson presented Resolution No. 2022-BCCO-13 – A Resolution Honoring Howard County WWII Veteran Ondis Brantley on His 100th Birthday, July 5th, 2022. Mr. Brantley is Councilman's James Papacek father-in-law. President Paul Wyman read into record Resolution No. 2022- BCCR-13: ***Whereas***, Ondis Brantley was born in Union County, Tennessee on July 5, 1922. ***Whereas***, Ondis served his Country admirably in World War II. He was a crew member on B-24 planes that flew long range bombing missions in the effort to stop Hitler's war machine. He flew combat missions for a year and was awarded several medals, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, which in our Nation's highest award for extraordinary aerial achievement and is awarded for heroism during combat. ***Whereas***, after his service to our Country Ondis settled in Howard County where he raised his family and worked at General Motors for 33 years until he retired. ***Whereas***, Ondis Brantley celebrates his 100th birthday today and it is fitting and proper that he be recognized and honored by this Board and by Howard County. ***Now, Therefore, be it Resolved*** that today, July 5, 2022, is hereby declared Ondis Brantley Day in Howard County, Indiana. Read and Adopted by the Howard County Board of Commissioners this 5th Day July, 2022. Resolution No. 2022-BCCO-13 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried.

Right of Way Purchase for Highway Department:

Attorney Alan Wilson introduced Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle to submit the permit of right of way for the purchase of land at County Road 160 in the amount of \$500.00 and was accepted by all land owners. The purchase of the land for the right of way in the amount of \$500.00 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Commissioner Bray commended Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle for all her hard work that she does.

Township Trustee Appeals Outcome:

Commissioner Dodd held an appeals meeting for Township Trustee that took place on July 1st, 2022. Commissioner Dodd stated after hearing both sides and taking the information under advisement, the decision was to uphold the denial of the Trustee. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to uphold the denial of the Trustee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray.

Haynes Apperson Festival:

Commissioner Dodd thanked President Paul Wyman and the Haynes Apperson Festival Committee for an outstanding job with the Haynes Apperson Festival and the fourth of July parade. President Paul Wyman went on to thank Sheriff Asher and the EMA for their hard work as well.

***There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.***

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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